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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am an original first and sole (or joint) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "TITLE".

The specification was filed March 29, 2001 as U.S. Application No. 09/821,553.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

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